



# Pharmacodynamics: actual data



## How shall we dose

time-dependent

concentration-dependent

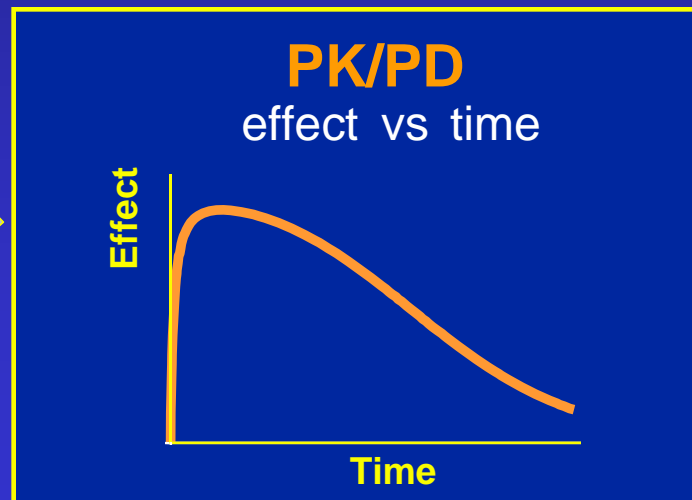
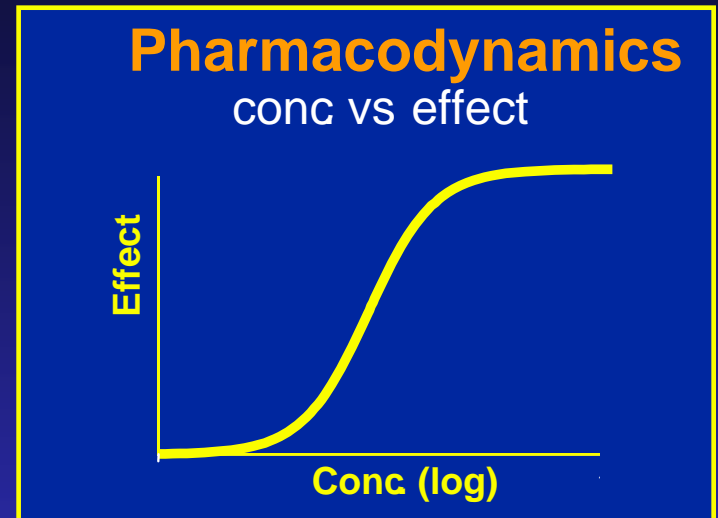
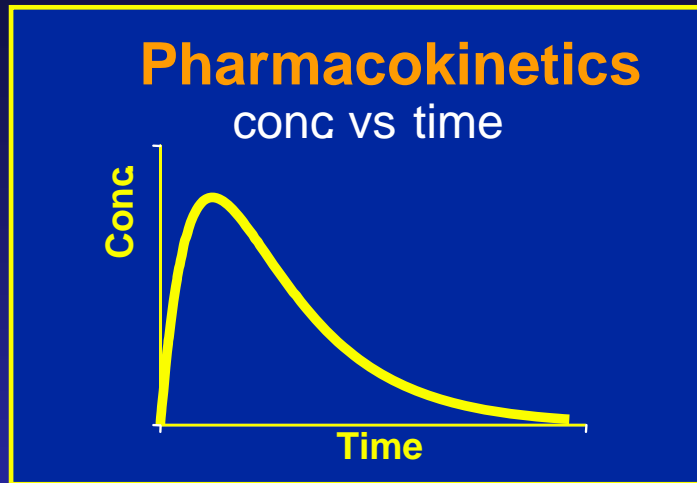


### antibiotics ?

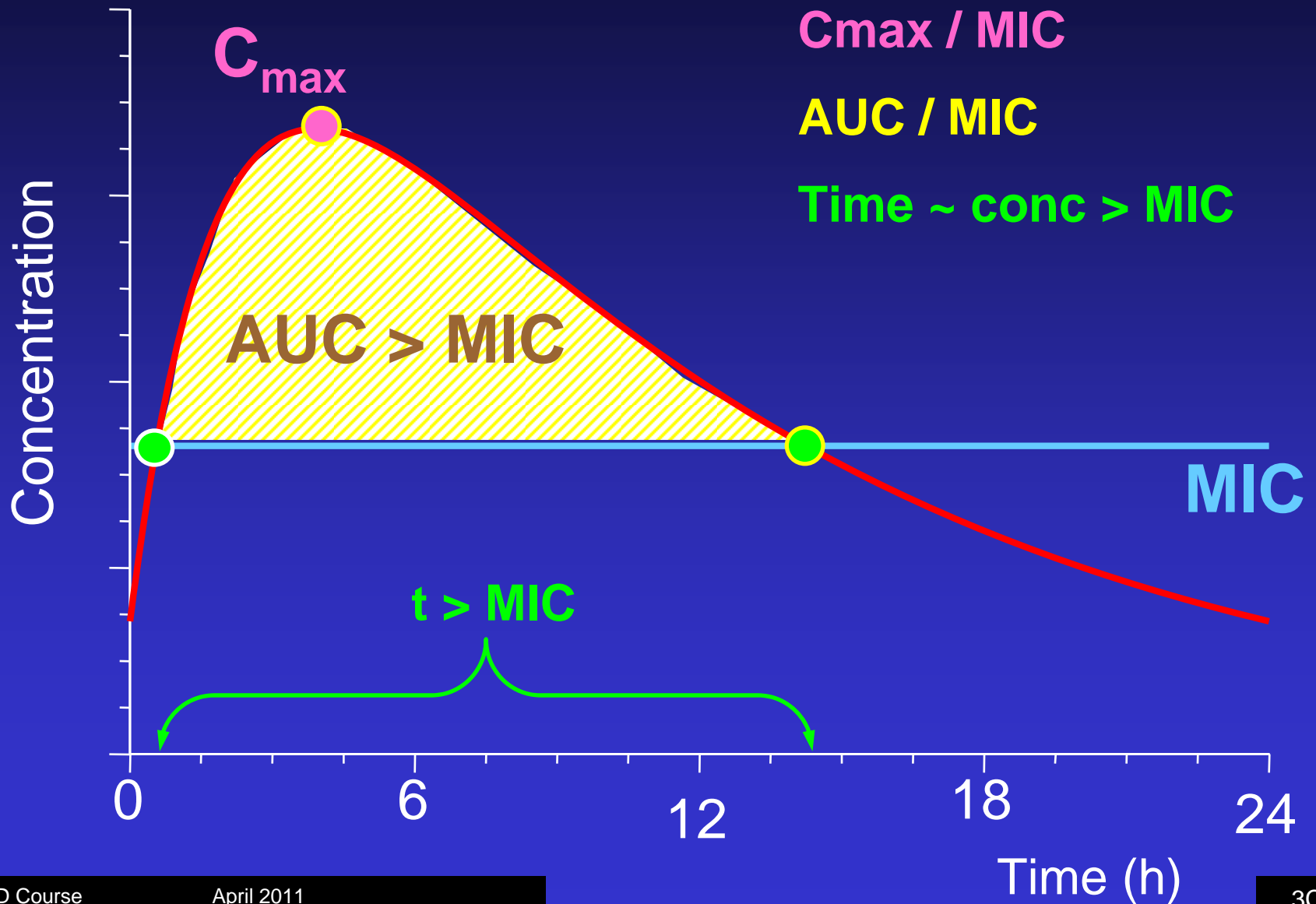
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# from pharmacokinetics to pharmacodynamics...



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# Main PK/PD properties of antibiotics

Available antibiotics can be divided in 3 groups :

- time - dependent ( $T > MIC$ )
- AUC / MIC - dependent
- both AUC / MIC and peak / MIC -dependent



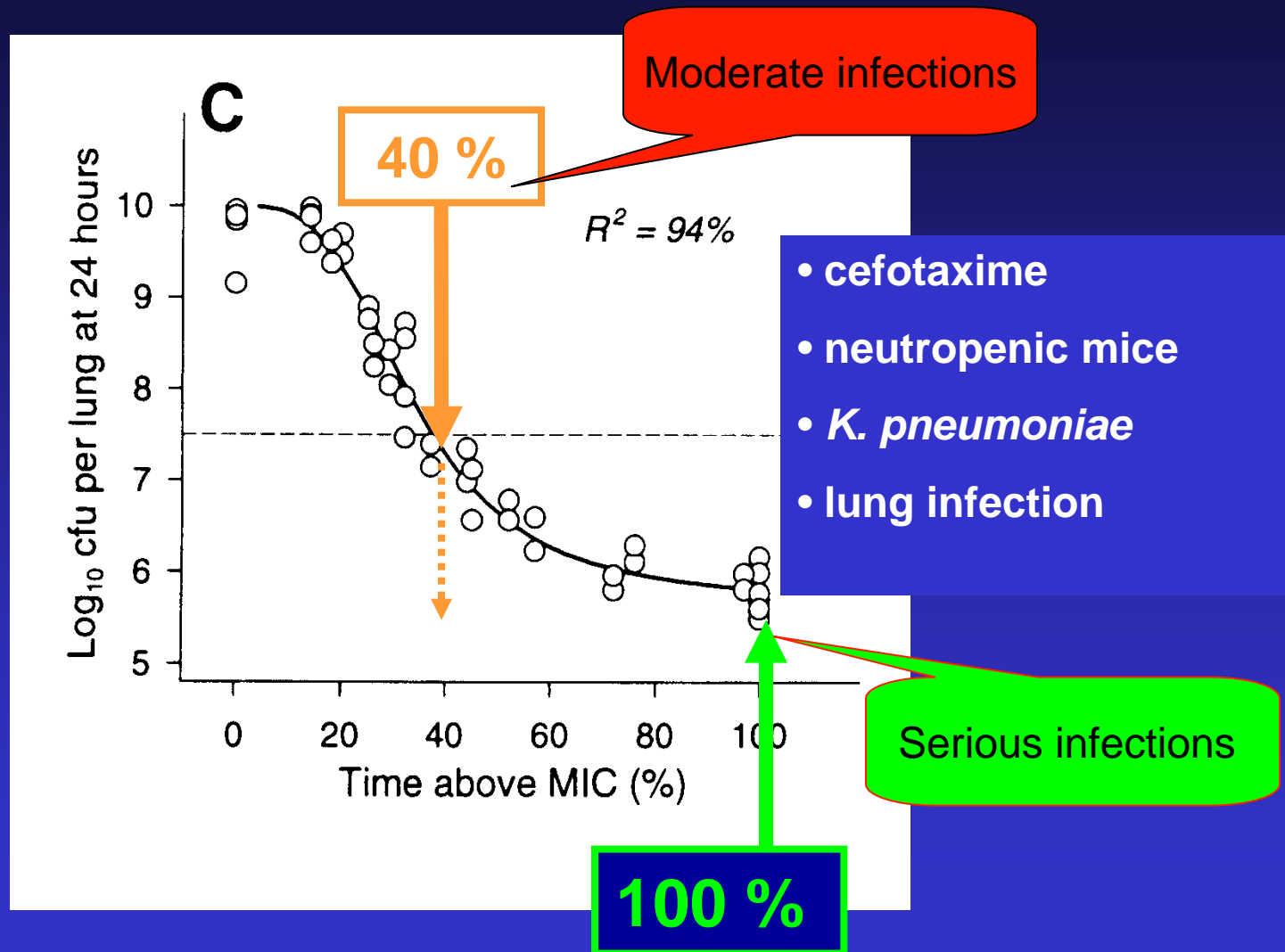
# Antibiotics Group # 1

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

## 1. Antibiotics with **time-dependent effects** and no or little persistent effects

<b>AB</b>	<b>PK/PD parameter</b>	<b>Goal</b>
$\beta$ -lactams	Time above MIC	Maximize the exposure time

# How long should you stay above the MIC ?



# More experimental data with penicillins, cephalosporins and carbapenems ...

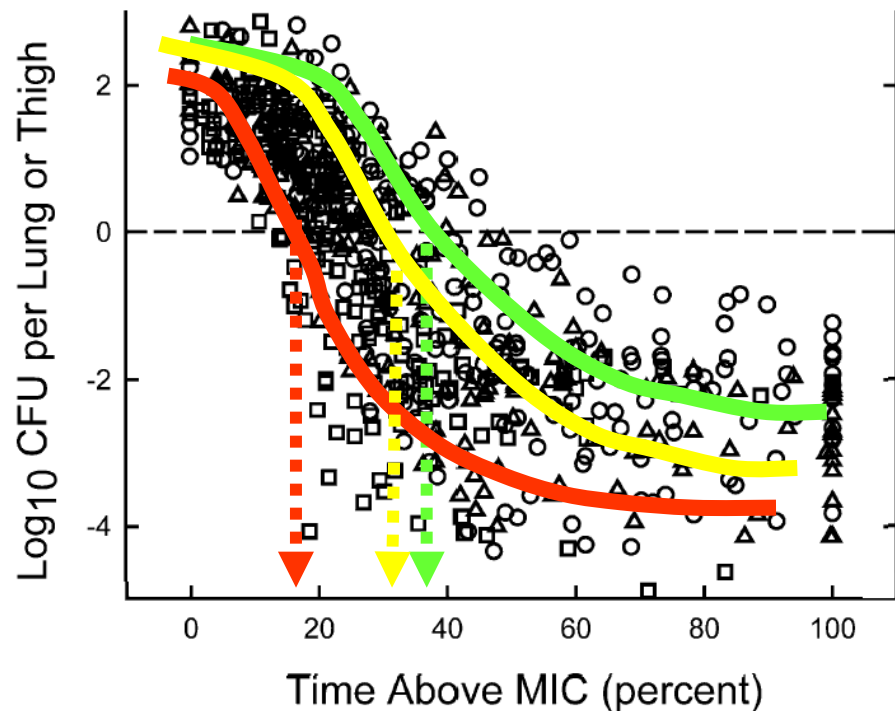


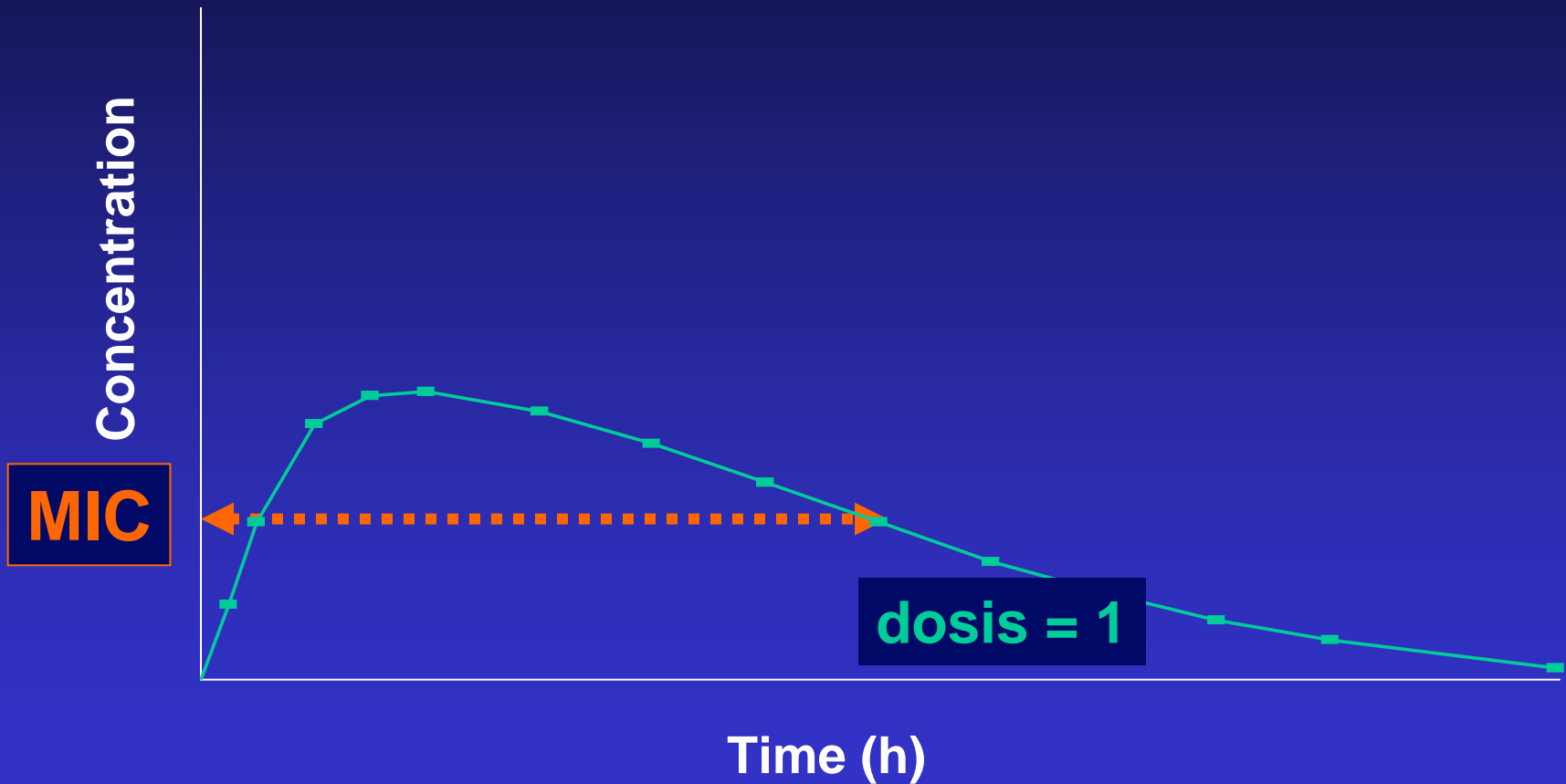
Fig. 7. Relationship between the change in log<sub>10</sub> CFU per thigh or lung for various pathogens following 24 h of therapy with different doses of penicillins ( $\Delta$ ), cephalosporins ( $\circ$ ) and carbapenems ( $\square$ )

different pathogens

- same shape of dose response
- diff. in  $T > MIC$  for a static effect (penicill. > carbap.)
- diff  $E_{max}$  (penicill. < carbap.)

# How to optimize $T > MIC$ ?

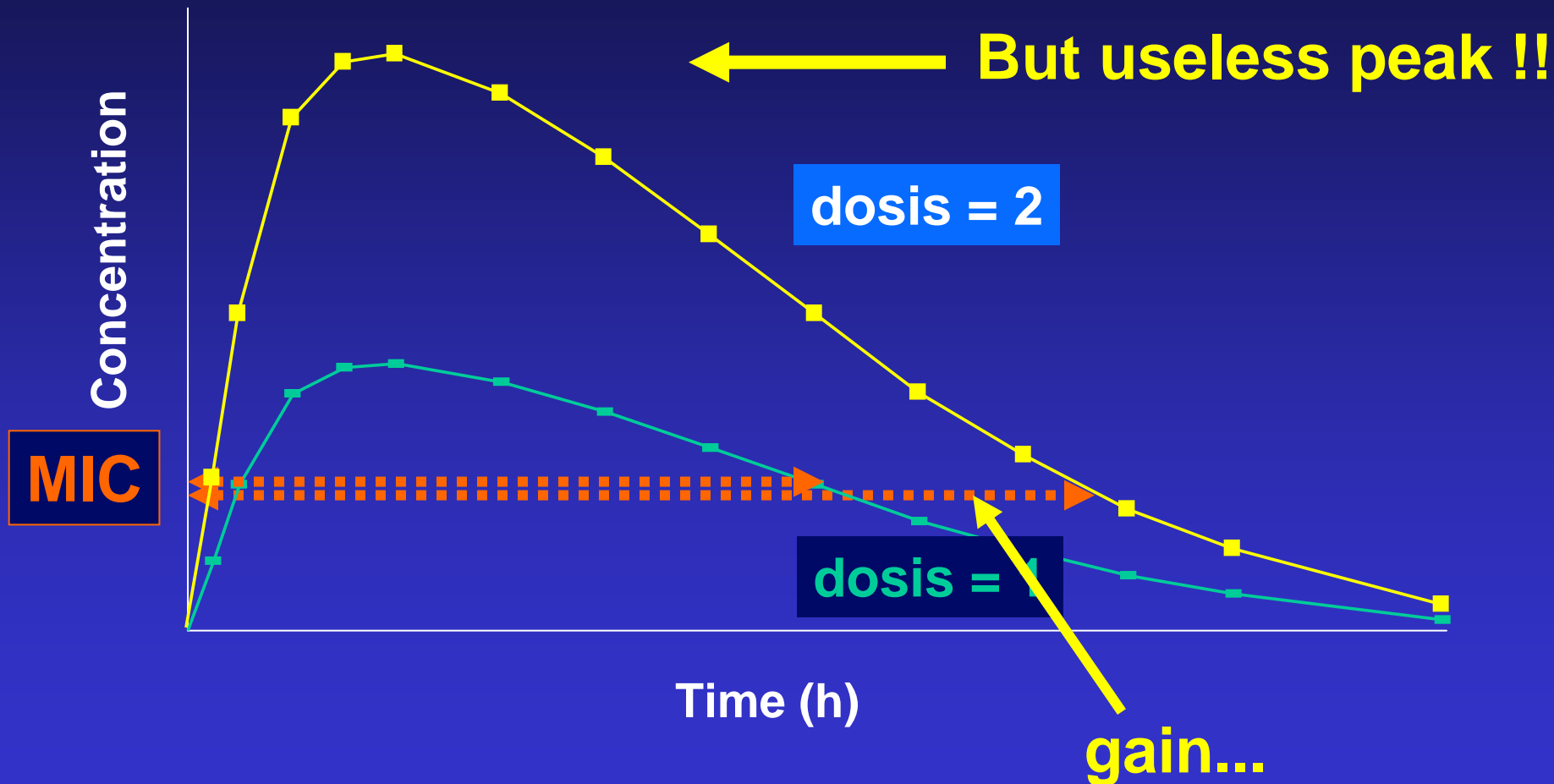
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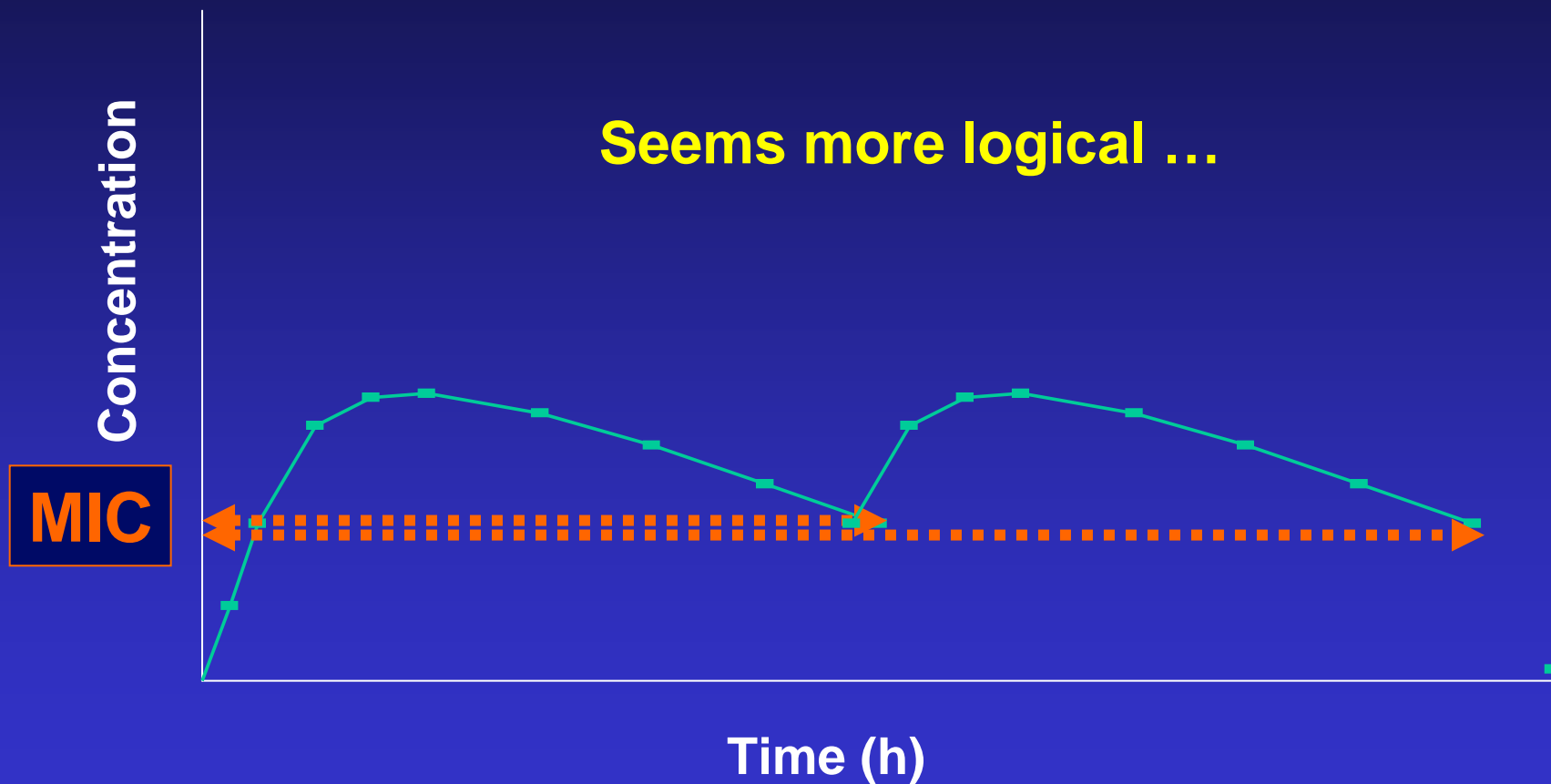
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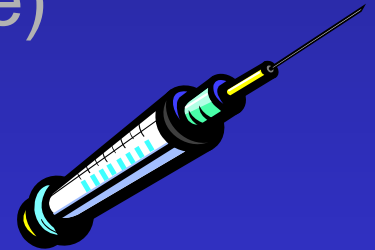


# $\beta$ -lactams : applications...

- Respiratory tract infections (oral route)...

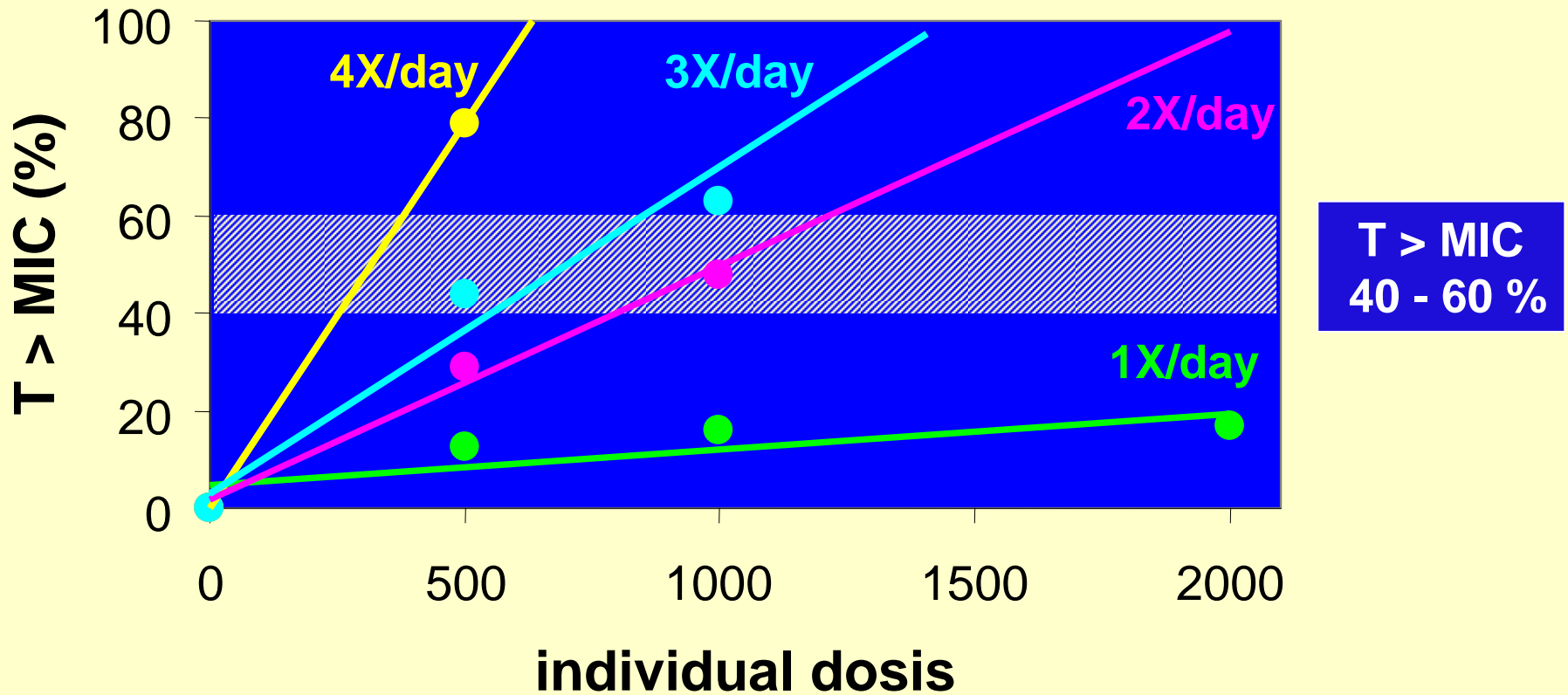


- Serious infections (intravenous route)



# Optimizing dosage for amoxicillin

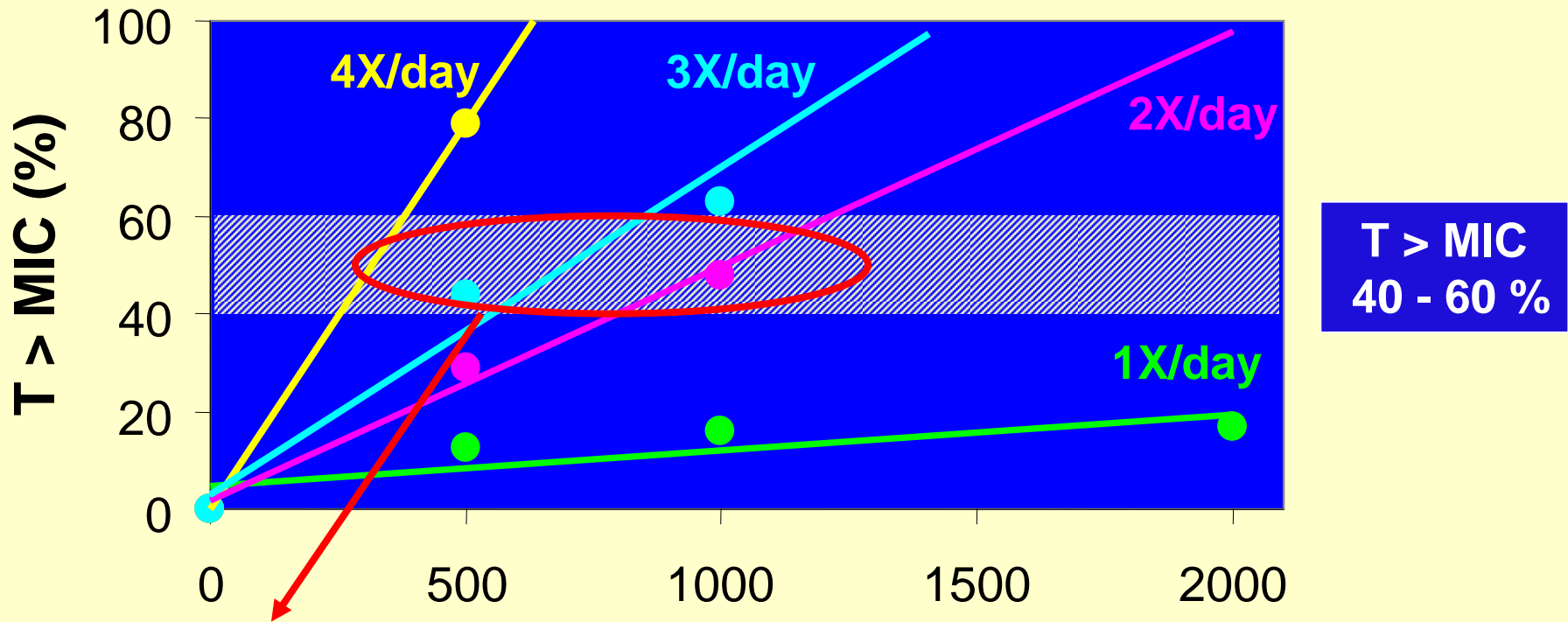
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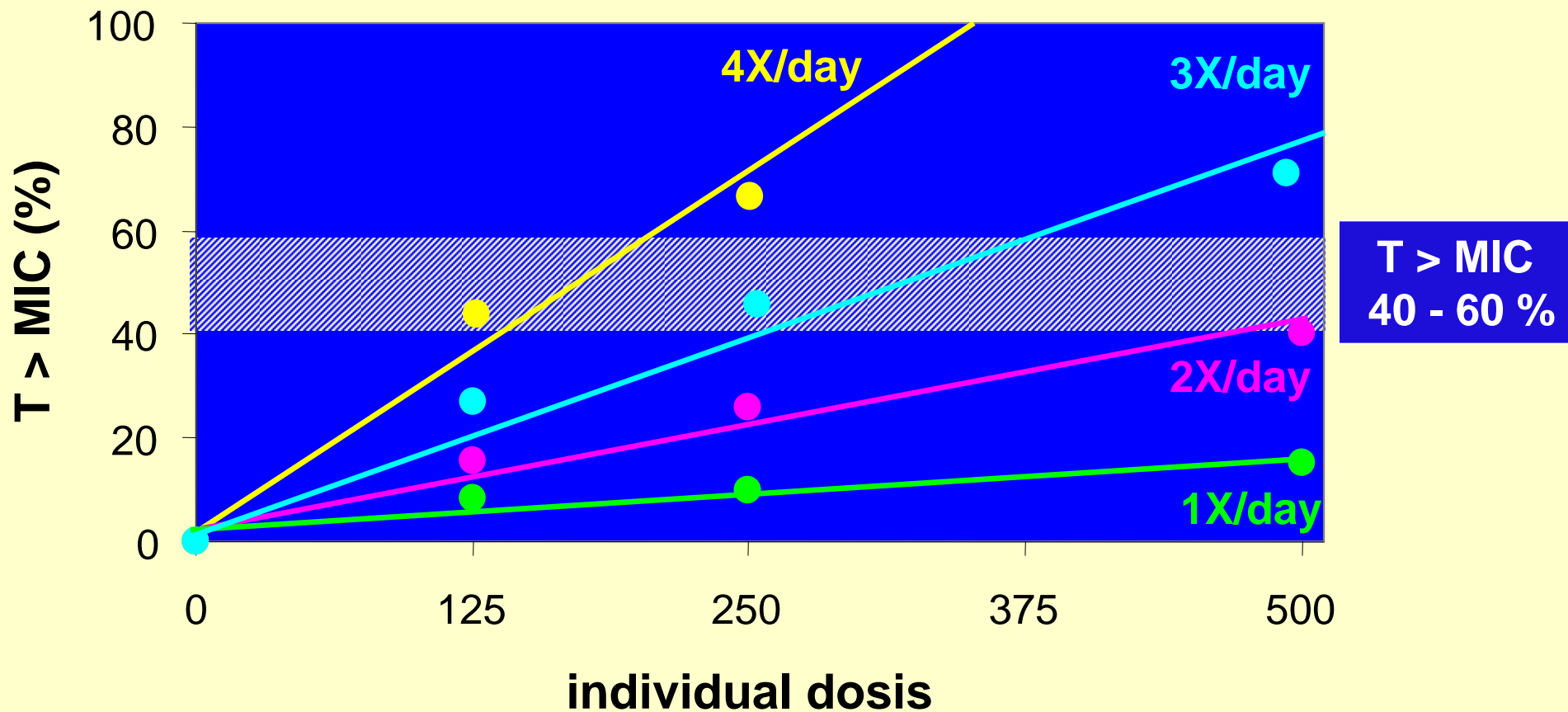
**T > MIC**  
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Appropriate dose =  
500 mg 3-4 X/d or 1000 mg 2 X/d

**individual dose**

# Optimizing dosage for cefuroxime

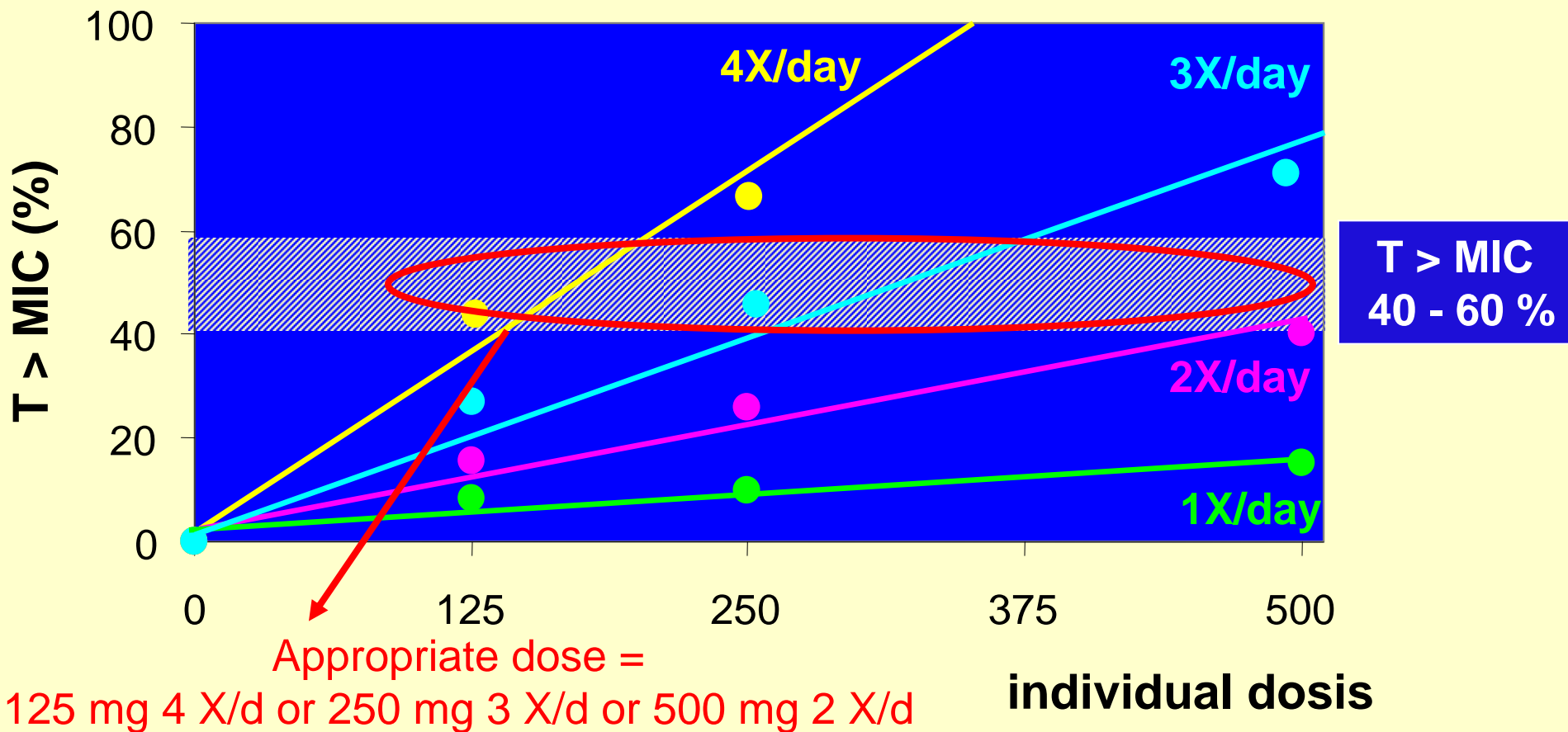
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# Oral $\beta$ - lactams and *S. pneumoniae*

An MIC of  $\sim 2 \mu\text{g/ml}$  is the limit that you can cover in optimal conditions, i.e. with a 3 x / day administration and a total daily dosis of

- ✉ 3 g for amoxicillin
- ✉ 1-1.5 g for cefuroxime-axetil



**PK/PD breakpoint for oral  $\beta$ - lactams:**

**MIC  $< 2 \mu\text{g/ml}$**

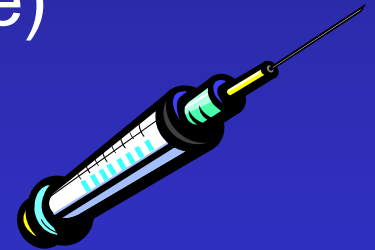


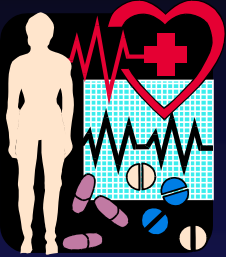
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# Typical pharmacokinetics of an IV $\beta$ -lactam

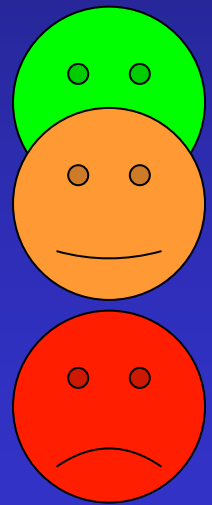
time (hours)	serum concentration for		
	0.5 g	1 g	2 g
2	25	50	100
4	12.5	25	50
6	6	12	25
8	3	6	12
10	1.5	3	6
12	0.75	1.5	3

\* Single administration unique; half-life 2h ;  $V_d = 0.2$  l/kg

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Where would you like to be ?



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# Optimisation of IV $\beta$ -lactams for "difficult" organisms

- 2 g every 12 h  T > MIC = 100 %  
if MIC  $\leq$  3 mg/L !
- 2 g every 8 h  T > MIC = 100 %  
if MIC  $\leq$  12 mg/L

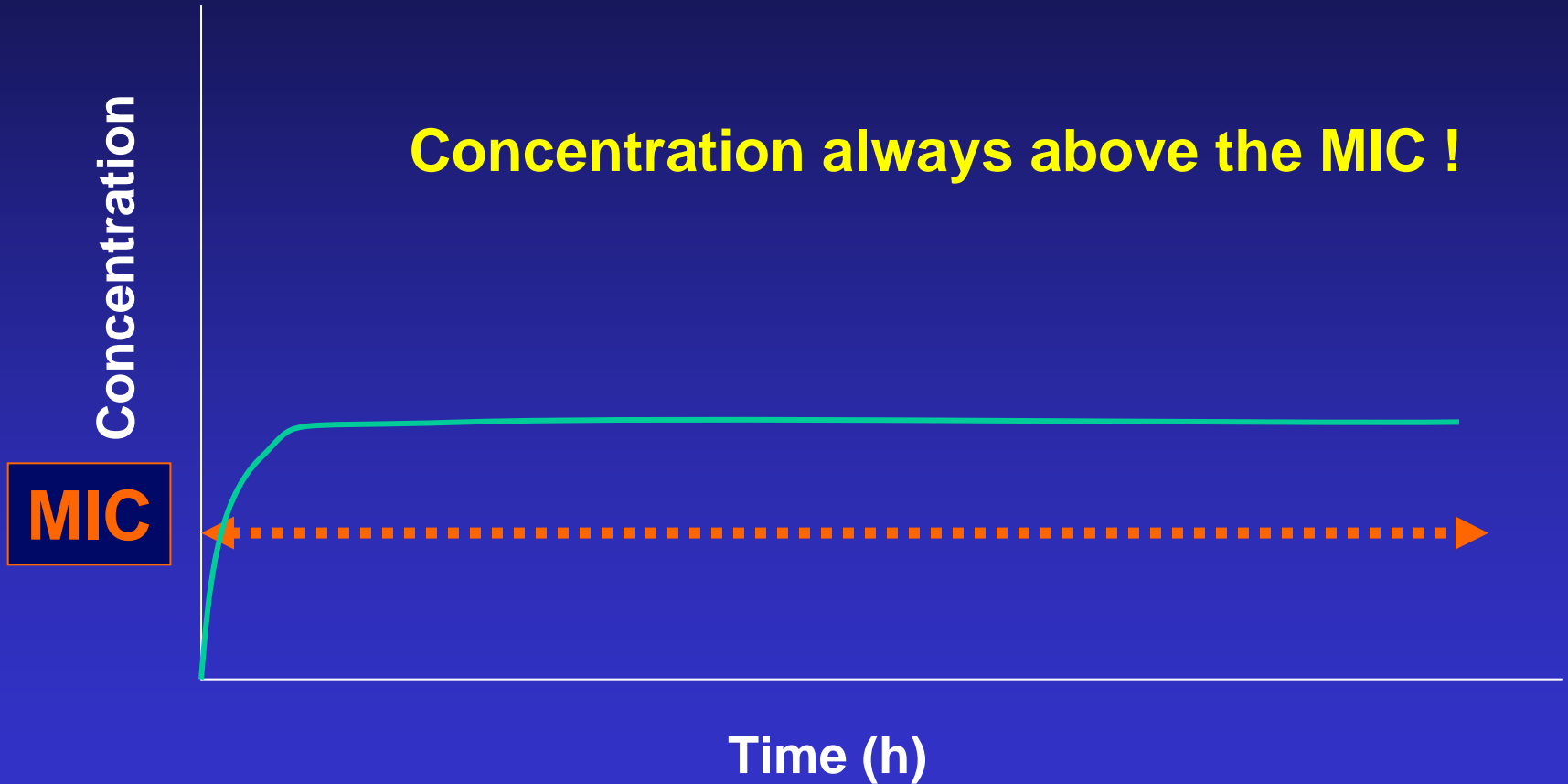
More frequent administrations is the best way to increase the activity of  $\beta$ -lactams in difficult-to-treat infections...



**PK / PD breakpoint for  
IV  $\beta$ -lactams : MIC < 8  $\mu$ g/ml**

# Can we do still better ?

## 3. Continuous infusion



# Continuous infusion: the solution ?

## Yes :

- Optimized mode of administration
- Possibility to obtain stable concentrations as high as 20 to 40 mg/L

## But be careful ...

- To the stability of the molecule
  - the  $\beta$ -lactam ring is intrinsically breakable ...  
→ temperature !!!
- To incompatibilities with other molecules also administered by continuous infusion



**Caution rules need to be respected ....**

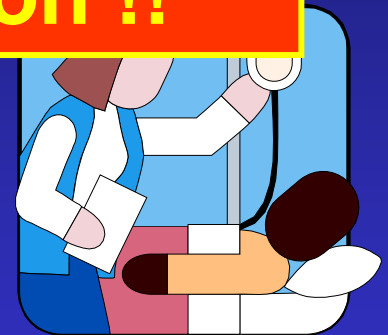
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# Antibiotics Group # 2

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

2. Antibiotics with **time-dependent effects**, no or little influence of concentration, but marked persistent effects

AB	PK/PD parameter	Goal
glycopeptides tetracyclines macrolides streptogramins oxazolidinones	AUC / MIC	optimize the amount of antibiotic



# Antibiotics Group # 3

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

## 3. Antibiotics with **concentration-dependent** bactericidal activity and prolonged persistent effects (post-antibiotic effects)

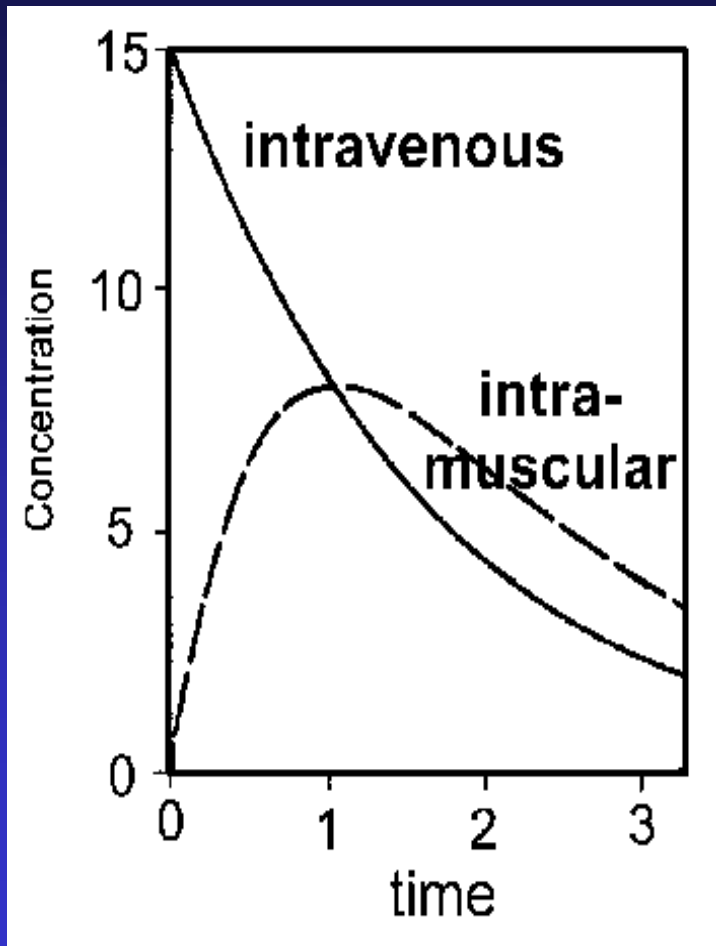
<b>AB</b>	<b>PK/PD parameter</b>	<b>Goal</b>
aminoglycosides fluoroquinolones daptomycin	Peak and AUC / MIC	optimize the peak and the amount of antibiotic

# Aminoglycosides: get a peak !



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Peak/MIC > 8



1. Appropriate mode of administration

➡ IV route

2. Calculation of the necessary peak value

➡ minimal peak: = MIC x 8

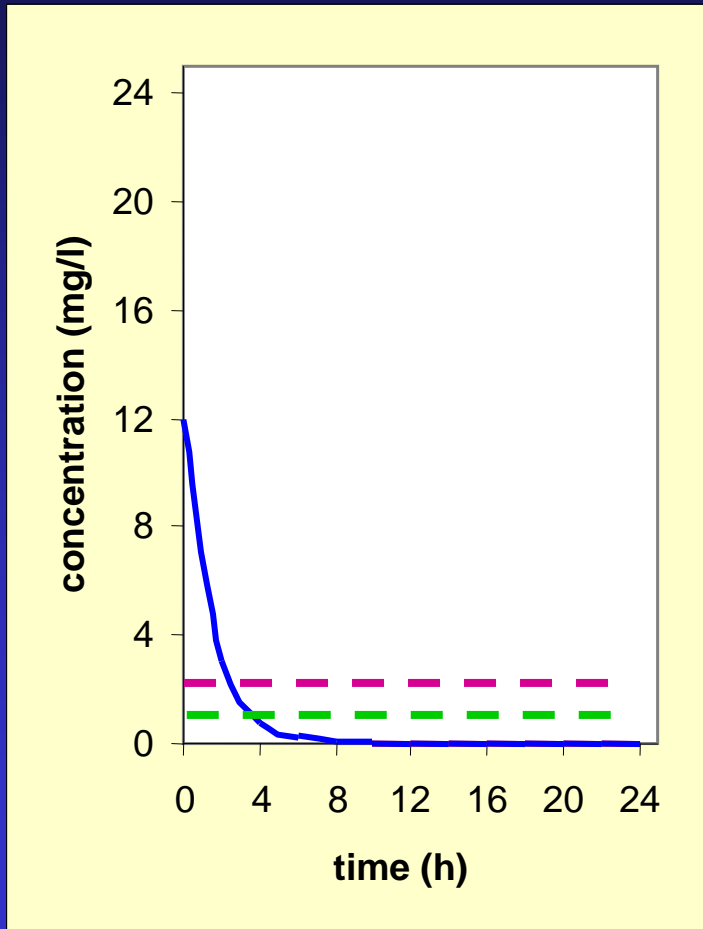
3. Calculation of the adequate dosis

➡ peak = dosis / Vd

➡ dosis = peak x Vd

➡ dosis = MIC x 8 x Vd

# Aminoglycosides: get a peak !



3 mg / kg - 1 X day

MIC = 2 → peak/MIC ~ 6



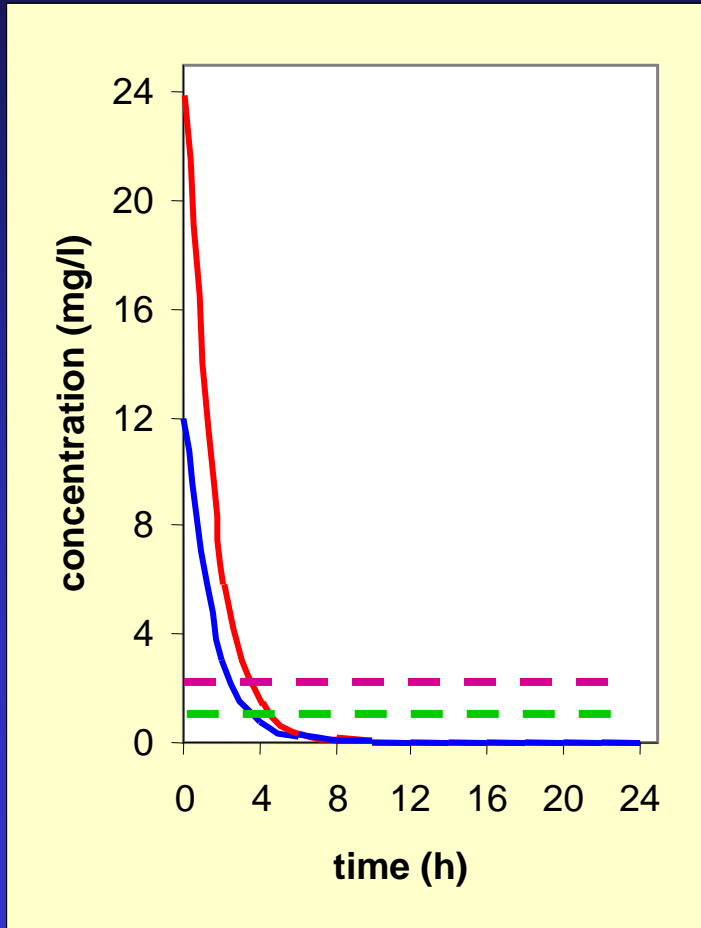
MIC = 0.5 → peak/MIC ~ 24



\* aminoglycoside with half-life= 1 h and  $V_d = 0.25$  l/kg

# Aminoglycosides: get a peak !

Increase the dose!



6 mg / kg - 1 X jour

MIC = 2 → peak/MIC ~ 12



MIC = 0.5 → peak/MIC ~ 48



\* aminoglycoside with half-life= 1 h and  $V_d = 0.25$  l/kg

# Aminoglycosides: which dosis for which MIC ?

dosis (mg/kg)	peak (mg/L) for $V_d = 0.25$ l/kg	peak/MIC if MIC =			
		4	2	1	0.5
1	4	1	2	4	8
2	8	2	4	8	16
3	12	3	6	12	24
4	16	4	8	16	32
6	24	6	12	24	48
8	32	8	16	32	64

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		4	2	1	0.5

**There will be a special course on aminoglycosides dose optimization !**

3	12	3	6	12	24
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# Optimization of aminoglycoside usage

do not try to treat with aminoglycosides bacteria with MIC

- $> 2 \mu\text{g/ml}$  for molecules with maximal daily dosis of 6 mg/kg
- $> 4 \mu\text{g/ml}$  for molecules with maximal daily dosis of 15 mg/kg

## PK / PD breakpoints for AG

- Genta, Netil, Tobra :  $2 \mu\text{g / ml}$
- Amika / Isépa :  $4 \mu\text{g / ml}$



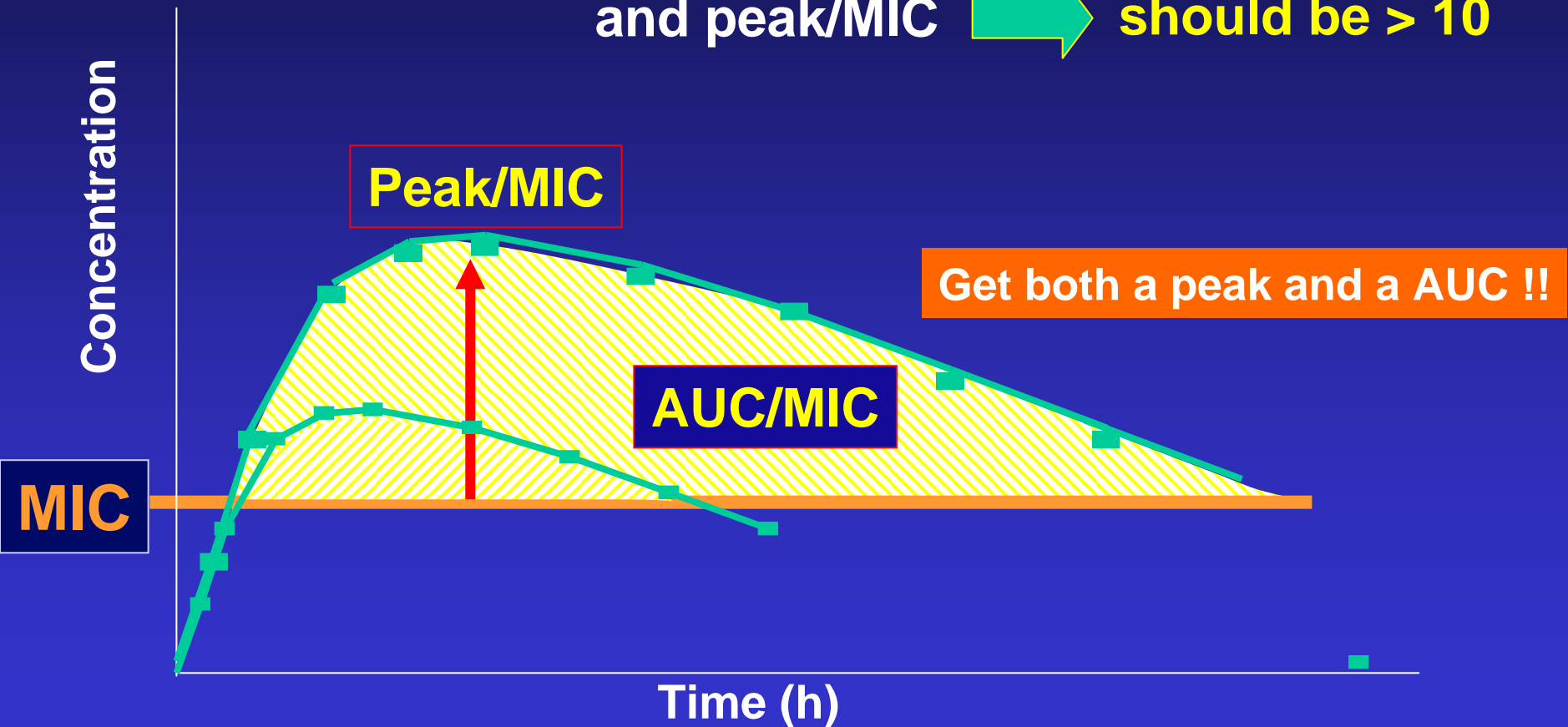
# Fluoroquinolones: get a peak and an AUC !

increase the amount administered,  
in order to optimize AUC/MIC

➡ should be  $> 125$

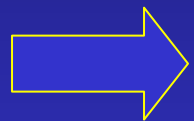
and peak/MIC

➡ should be  $> 10$

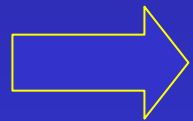


# How to optimize the AUC / CMI ratio ?

$$\text{AUC} = \text{dosis} / \text{CI}$$



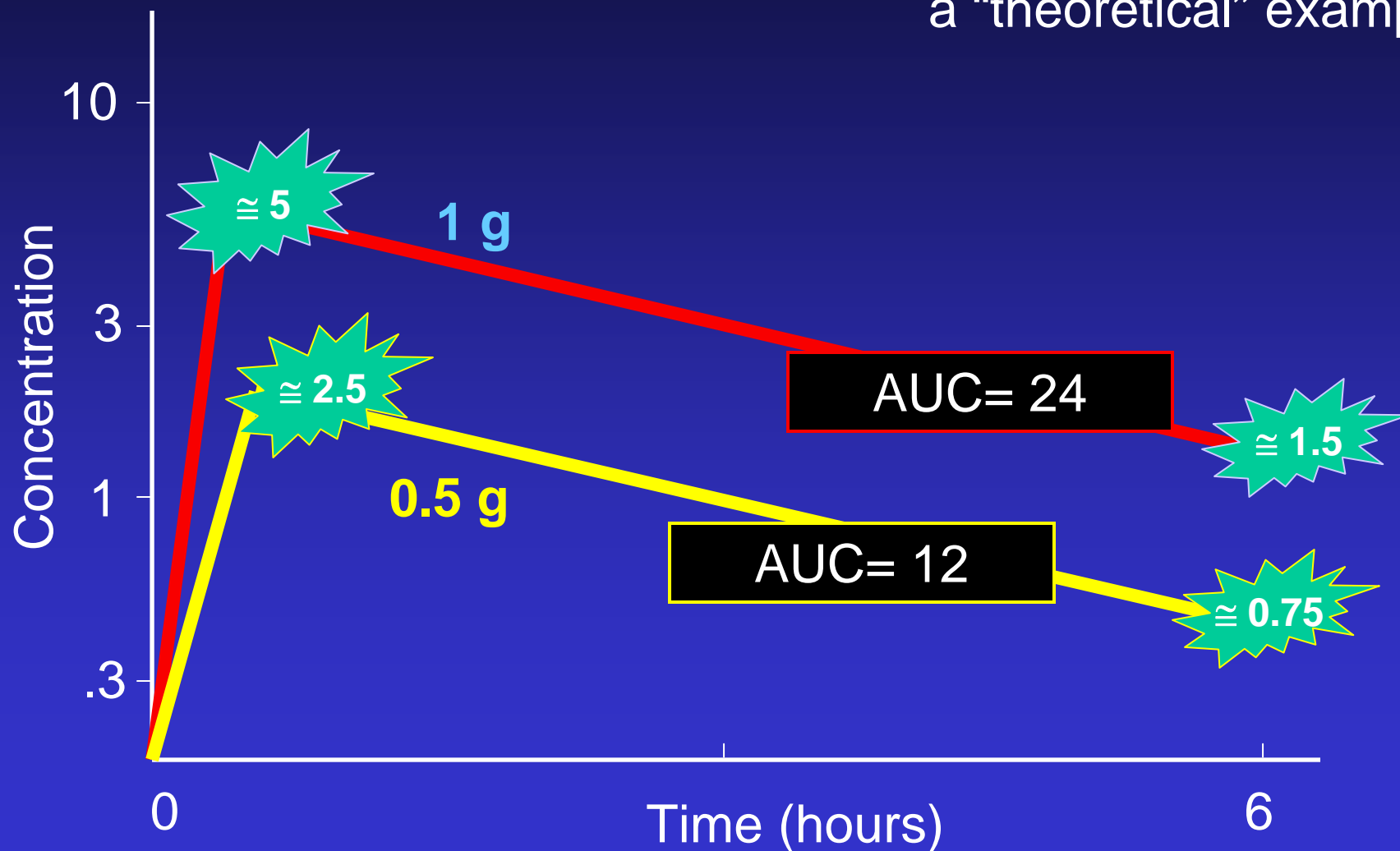
Adjust the daily dosis  
~ target AUC



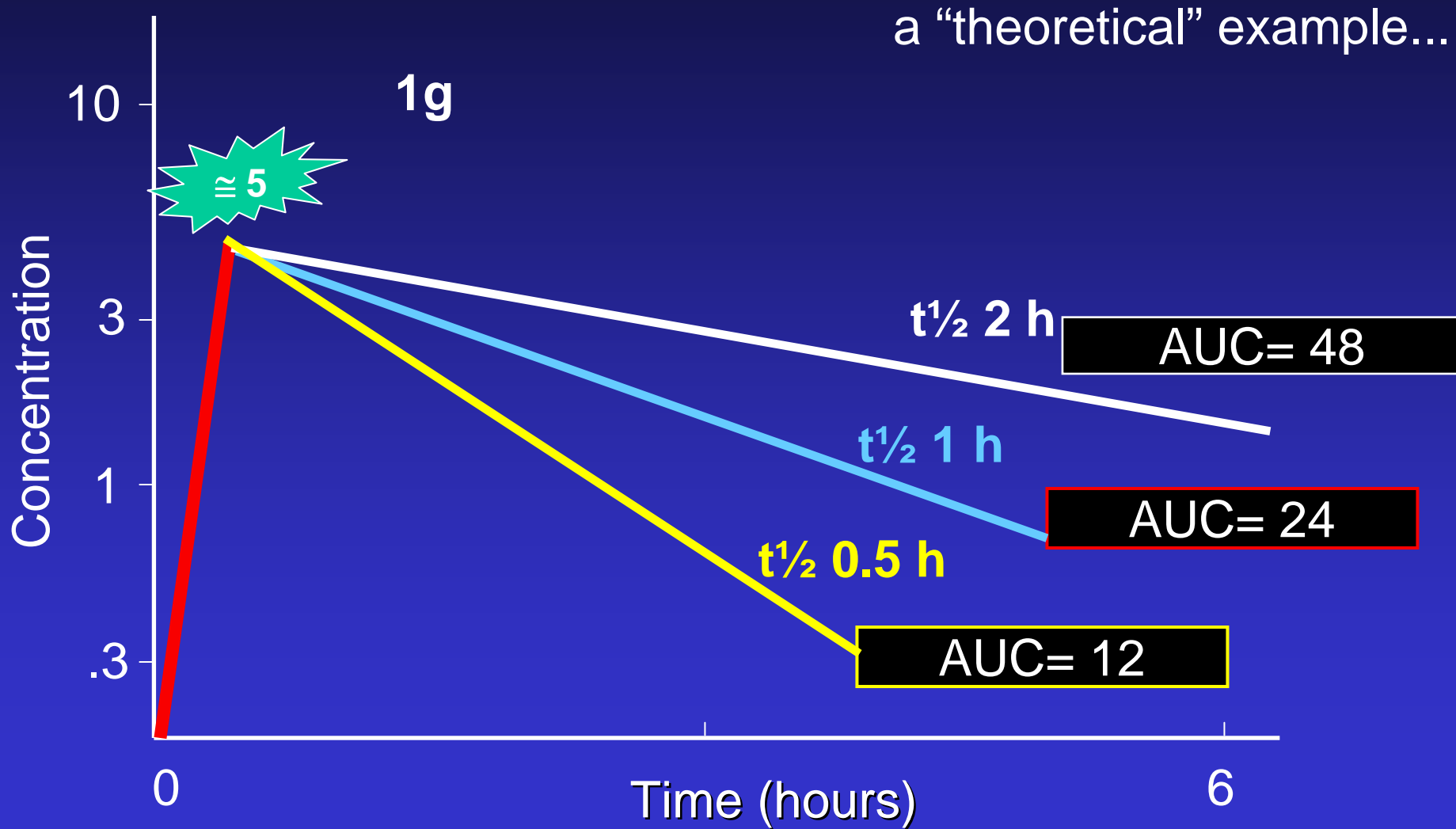
Adapt the number of administrations  
~ pharmacokinetics of the drug

# AUC and peak after one dose are directly related to this dose

a "theoretical" example...

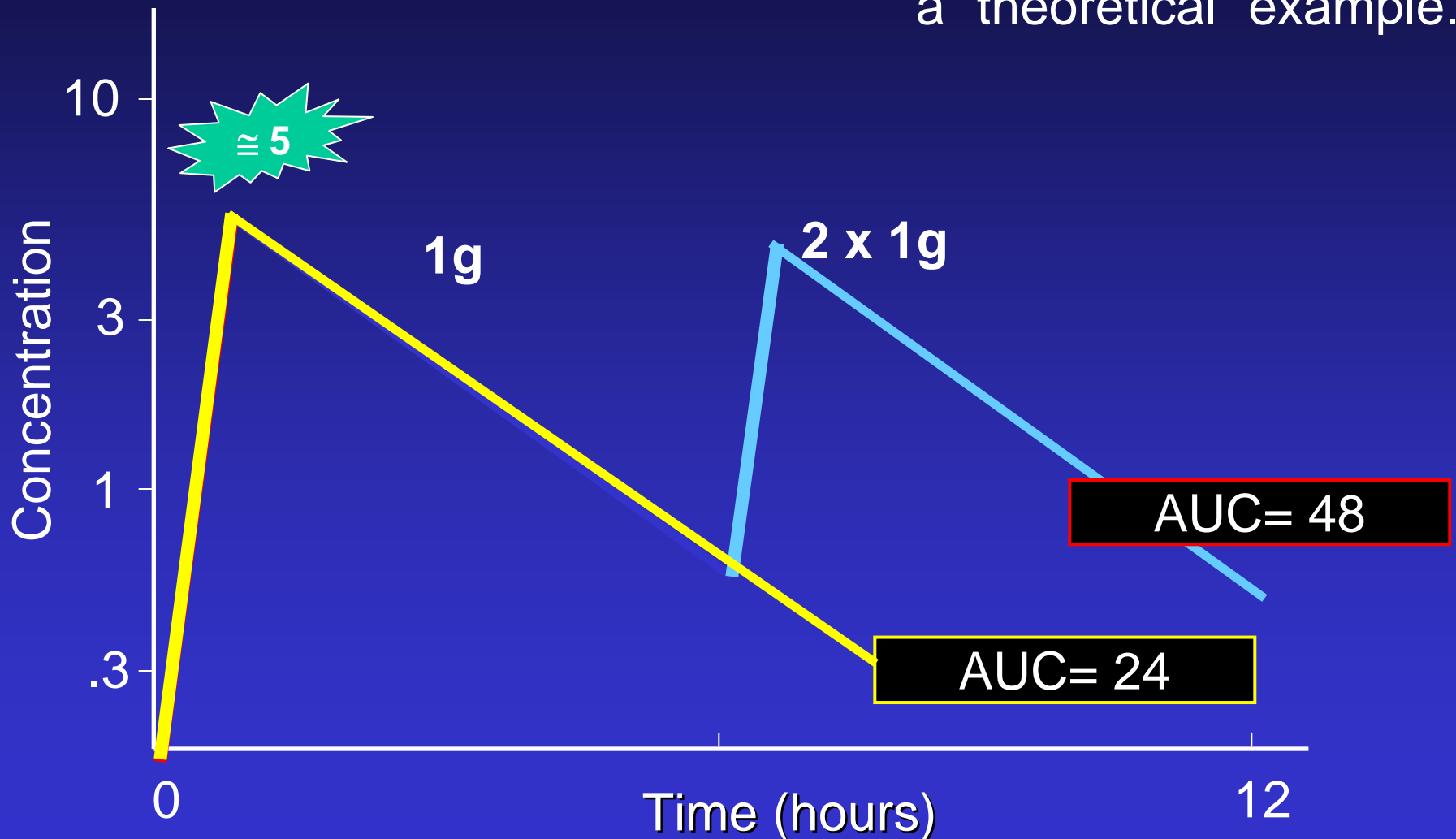


# 24h-AUC is inversely related to the drug clearance (BUT so is **NOT** the peak ...)



# 24h-AUC is correlated to the number of unit doses (BUT, again, so is **NOT** the peak ...)

a “theoretical” example...



# PK/PD of fluoroquinolones in a nutshell

## Remember:

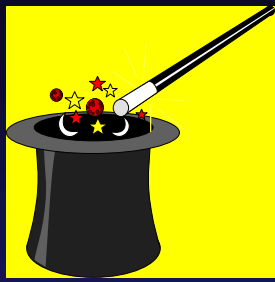
- 24h-AUC is proportional to the **daily** dose
- peak is proportional to the **unit** dose...

- get a **24h-AUC / MIC > 125**, and
- get a **peak / MIC ratio > 8**

 efficacy

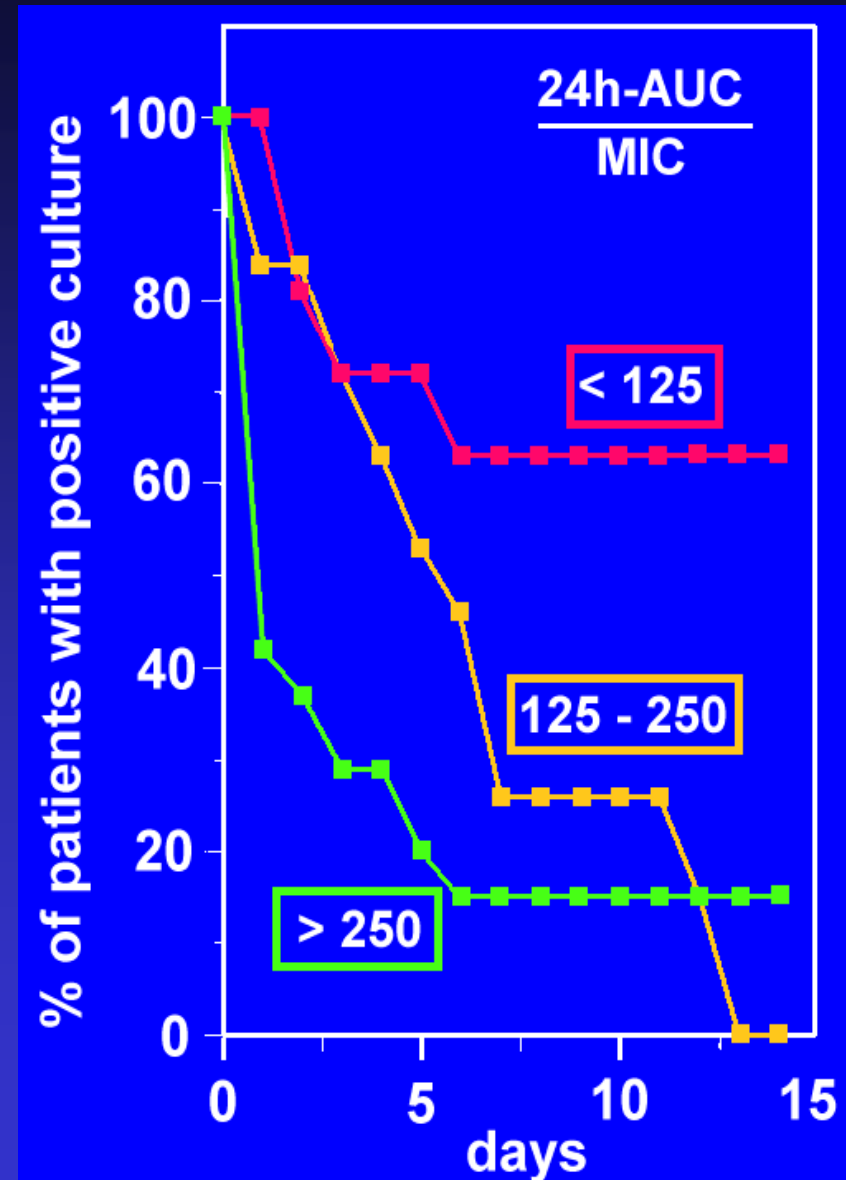
- get this with the total daily dose and the appropriate unit dose ...





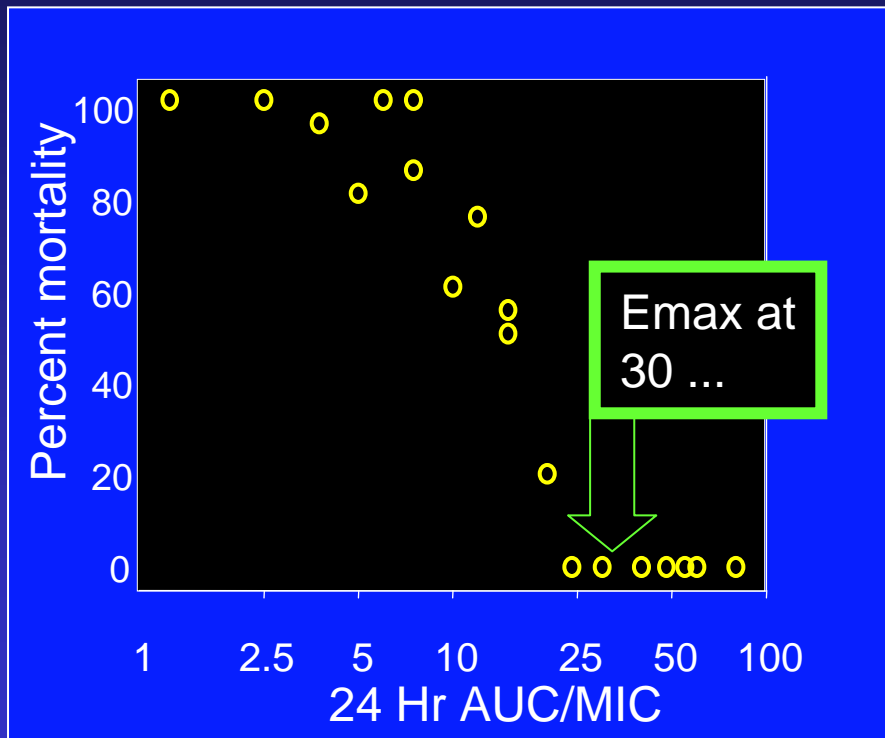
# AUC / MIC = 125 : a magic number ?

Patients respond to quinolones as a function of the 24 h-AUC of the quinolone they receive and the MIC of the offending organism  
(example for Gram - infections seen in the "Methods")

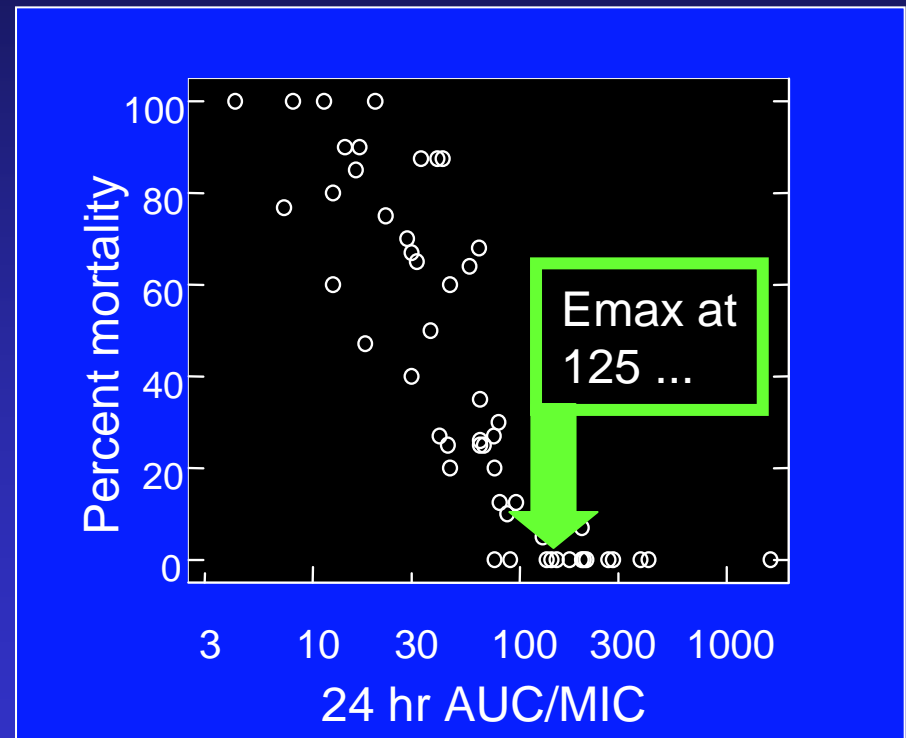


# But remember that, for Gram (+), the immune status is critical ... (as seen in the methods)

Relationship Between 24 Hr AUC/MIC and Mortality  
for Fluoroquinolones against *S. pneumoniae* in Immunocompetent vs.  
Immunocompromised animal Models



non-neutropenic



neutropenic

Adapted from W.A. Craig : 7th ISAP Educational Workshop, San Diego, CA, 2002



# Defining PK/PD breakpoints for fluoroquinolones

Drug	Dosage	PK/PD Bkpts (mg/L)	
		AUC/MIC (mg/24h)	peak / MIC (24h)
norfloxacin	800	0.1	0.2
ciprofloxacin	500	0.1	0.2
ofloxacin	400	0.2-0.4	0.3 - 0.4
levofloxacin	500	0.4	0.4 - 0.5
moxifloxacin	400	0.4	0.4

# Adjust the dosis to the MIC

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Daily dosage of levofloxacin	AUC *	MIC for an $AUC_{24h}/MIC = 125$
250	28	0.2
500	56	0.4
1000	112	0.8

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\* based on normal half-lives;  
CL ~ 100 mg/dl  
doses for an adult of 65 kg

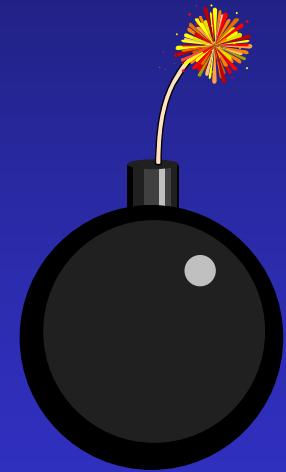
**But keep the unitary dose in the allowed limit ...**



Peak -related side effects :

## **SNC toxicity**

Inhibition of CYP 450 activity  
chondrotoxicity  
phototoxicity



# Choose the most active molecule

drug	Dosage (mg/24h)	AUC *	MIC for AUC/MIC = 125	MIC <i>S. pneumo</i>
ofloxacin	400	66	0.5	2
levofloxacin	500	73	0.4	1
ciprofloxacin	1000	40	0.3	0.5-2
moxifloxacin	400	48	0.4	0.01-0.5

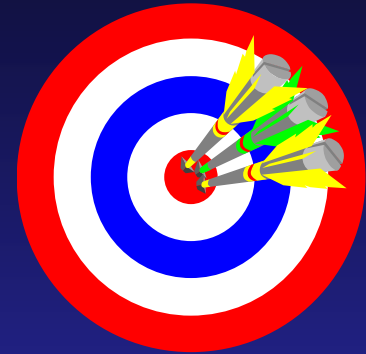


## PK/PD: take home message

1. For each drug, choose on a **PK/PD basis** the appropriate
  - scheme of administration
  - daily dosis
2. Adapt the dosage to the **susceptibility** of the target organism,
  - based on MIC data for the individual patient
  - based on local epidemiology

# PK/PD : from today to tomorrow

**today** : applying these concepts can help us to reach an optimized efficacy



**but let's prepare tomorrow:**

how can we use this science to avoid resistance development ?



Section 4 A